

To: Parents/Guardians
From: Mark Solimo
Date: June 2, 2011
Re: Board Meeting of May 31, 2011

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Superintendent's Report

On January 5, 2011, Governor Chris Christie signed into law P.L.2010, Chapter 122, known as the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights. The Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act requires initial and on-going training for all staff members, Anti-Bullying Specialists, Anti-Bullying Coordinators, administrative staff, and Board members. N.J.S.A. 18A:37-22(d) requires every teacher to complete at least two hours of instruction on harassment, intimidation, and bullying prevention in each professional development period.

2440- Summer Session (Revised)

Policy 2440 is based on recently updated New Jersey Administrative Code N.J.A.C. 6A:32-10.1 et seq. indicating a school district cannot charge resident pupils tuition for summer session remedial or advanced courses. However, the Governor recently signed legislation, P.L. 2010, c.73 that permits a district to charge resident pupils tuition for remedial or advanced summer session courses. The amount that may be charged is based on household income as outlined in N.J.S.A. 18A:11-15.

3125.2 – Employment of Substitute Teachers (New)

P.L.2011, Chapter 100 was recently approved adding new statutes regarding the use and compensation of substitute teachers. N.J.S.A. 18A:16-1.1a.through N.J.S.A. 18A:16-1.1d. establish time limits a substitute teacher (with and without a certificate of eligibility (CE or a CE with advanced standing) may work in a vacant teaching position. N.J.S.A. 18A:16-1.1b. requires a district to compensate a substitute teacher with a CE or CE with advanced standing working in an area authorized by their credentials for more than sixty days in same position the pro-rated salary consistent with the salary provided to a teacher with similar credentials in the district.

0144 – Board Member Orientation and Training (Revised)

Bylaw 0144 – Board Member Orientation has been revised to reflect the new requirement that all Board members complete a training program on harassment, intimidation, and bullying, including the school district's responsibilities under the harassment, intimidation, and bullying prevention statutes.

5350 – Pupil Suicide Prevention (Revised)

A section of the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act revises N.J.S.A.18A:6-112 regarding the required two-hour instruction in suicide prevention for teachers under the professional development requirements of N.J.A.C.6A:9-15.1 et seq.

5512 – Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (Revised Policy/New Regulation)

The revisions and new requirements are significant and are based on the April 11, 2011 Model Policy and Guidance.

5600 – Pupil Discipline/Code of Conduct (Revised)

The Model Policy and Guidance includes a lengthy list of factors for determining consequences and remedial measures that have been included in Policy Guide 5512 – Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying.

8461 – Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (Revised)

A section of the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act revises N.J.S.A.18A:17-46 regarding reporting of certain acts of violence and vandalism by school employees and now includes certain reporting to include acts of harassment, intimidation, and bullying.

Finance

1. Approved the following contracts between the Moonachie Board of Education and the following school districts for tuition for Special Education services for the 2011 extended school year and the 2011-2012 school year.

Board of Education	Summer ESY	2011-2012
Wood-Ridge	8	10
Lodi	1	2

South Hackensack	2	2
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2. Approved the contracts for Related Services for the Summer 2011 and the 2011-2012 school year between the Moonachie Board of Education and the following school districts.

Wood-Ridge
South Hackensack
Lodi

3. Approved the participation in the Bergen County Banking Consortium (BCBANC) from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 and authorize the School Business Administrator to serve as a trustee.

Policy

1. Approved the revised and new policies and procedures:

2440 Summer Session (revised)	5600 Pupil Discipline/Code of Conduct (revised)
R2440 Summer Session Procedure (revised)	R5600 Pupil Discipline/Code of Conduct Procedure (revised)
3125.2 Employment of Substitute Teachers	8461 Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Alcohol & other Drug Abuse (revised)
<u>Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying Policies & Regulations</u>	R8461 Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Alcohol & other Drug Abuse (revised)
5512 Harassment, Intimidation, & Bullying (revised)	5350 Pupil Suicide Prevention (revised)
R5512 Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Investigation Procedure (revised)	

Personnel

1. Approved Laurie McGahn to provide clerical assistance between June 23, 2011 – September 2, 2011.
2. Approved Susan Barrise to perform summer 2011 administrative services as per Memorandum of Agreement.
3. Approved Amy Nathanson as a substitute teacher for the 2011-2012 school year.
4. Approved the following to work in the After-School Tutoring Center for the 2011-2012 school year:

Danielle Carrione	Katie Reilly
Allison McGorry	Joan Boniello
Michele Collins	Silvia Ragueseo
Samantha Mickendrow	

5. Accepted the resignation of Hamsa A. Baki, School Aide effective June 14, 2011.
6. Approved Lee Ten Hoeve to work in the After-School Drama Club for the 2011-2012.
7. Approved Misally Ortiz to work in the After-School Detention Program for the 2011-2012 school year.
8. Approved Lauren Odoksta as Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction.

Curriculum

1. Approved June 17, 2011 3rd Grade Community Walk Field Trip.

Facilities

1. Discussed status of boiler replacement project.
2. Discussed gym floor.

New Business

1. Discussed providing the Making the Right Choice Assembly Program.

Information Items

1. June 17, 2011 – 6:00 p.m. – Wood-Ridge Graduation